

Annual General Meeting.

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE (5/12/23)

5th December 2023. Held in Re-Economy Centre.

See Attachments:

Strategy and Maintenance Update doc

List of activities

Draft Constitution

Treasurer's End of Year Accounts

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair), David Martin, Sue Holmes, Robert Vint, Ernesto Antonio, Lu Ovary, Paul Church, Rory Blatt, Shirley Prendergast (Sec)
(All committee members present)

1. Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2023 were approved.

2. Sue's Report

Sue is resigning from the Committee and gave an overview of her achievements over the last two years (including her time as Chair 2021-22). These are outlined in her Strategy and Maintenance Update Document and a brief list of her activities (attached) for members of the Committee to take forward. These are based on her original Strategy Chart (agreed with Committee in 2022). Sue noted that she has spent around 24 hrs per week over this time designing, planning and maintaining the garden, including planting 9 +2 new flower beds. Sue is resigning from these activities but will, with Ernesto, complete the Woodland Garden after she leaves. The Committee thanked Sue for her huge commitment and very considerable achievements over this time.

3. Treasurer's Report

Paul presented his End of Year Accounts summarised as follows....

Balance as at 30 November 2022	£3,207.62
Income Plant Sales and Donations	£959.77
Income Wildlife Garden	£1,272.16
Total Income	£2,231.93

Expenditure General	£1,807.87
Expenditure Wildlife Garden	£55.91

Total Expenditure £1,863.78

Balance as at 30 Nov 2023 £3,575.77

4. LGA Constitution

Dave presented an edited draft version of the constitution (see attached). The main changes of which are 1) that anyone present at AGM or Special Meeting may vote, but at an ordinary meeting only committee members may vote, and 2) the requirement for 3 committee members to retire at the AGM (but perhaps be re-elected) has been removed. If approved, the constitution will be formally amended at the next LGA meeting in 2024.

5 Election of Officers of LGA

Dave Mitchell standing again, proposed and re-elected as Chair

Paul Church standing again, proposed and re-elected as Treasurer

Shirley Prendergast standing again, proposed and re-elected as Secretary

5. Confirmation of Committee Members: Lu Ovary, David Martin, Robert Vint, Ernesto Antonio, Rory Blatt.

6. Campaign ideas, Rory and Belinda. Rory, working with his partner Belinda, whose field of expertise is publicity and communications, presented their ideas. Their aims are :

- To raise funds to protect the future of the garden
- To raise awareness of the story of the garden, how it came about and its importance to the community
- To involve younger people in the garden and clarify what we hope they might contribute to it

Rory discussed their proposed campaign- *What I love about Leechwell*, broken down into activities and events throughout the year including suggestions for: Press Releases, Easter Egg Hunt, Teddy Bears Picnic, Woodland Garden launch, Totnes Festival Event. The Committee thanked Rory for their exciting ideas and will discuss in depth at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 16th January 2024 Re-economy Centre